

APPROVED: MEETING NO. 48-85

ATTEST:

Helen M. Heneghan

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

MEETING NO. 45-85

September 23, 1985

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in general session in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, Maryland at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, on Monday, September 23, 1985, at 8:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Viola D. Hovsepian

Councilman Steve Abrams

Councilman Douglas Duncan

Councilman Peter Hartogensis

Councilman John Tyner, II

The Mayor in the Chair.

In attendance: City Manager Larry Blick; City Clerk Helen Heneghan; City Attorney Paul Glasgow.

Re: City Manager's Report

Mr. Blick reported the following:

1. The guide to City services was printed today and is now available for the public. He displayed a copy for the Mayor and Council.
2. The Washington Street traffic signal system has been redesigned and the completed design has been submitted to the State Highway Administration for final approval. It is anticipated that the bids will go out and an award made in December and construction completed in April.
3. A letter was sent to the neighbors of Dawson Farm explaining the problems that exist there with the default of the contractor and explaining the way it is being resolved. It is expected that that project will be completed by the end of the calendar year.

Re: Proclamation:
Community Theatre Week

Proclamation No. 15-85

There being no objection from the Council, Mayor Hovsepien proceeded to issue Proclamation No. 15-85, proclaiming the week of September 22 - 26, 1985, as Community Theatre Week in Rockville. Councilman Tyner read the proclamation at the request of the Mayor in which it was urged that citizens support their local theatre by attending a performance. John Moser accepted the proclamation on behalf of Rockville Little Theatre and Rockville Musical Theatre.

Re: Resolution: Commending
Larry N. Blick on his
departure to Colorado
Springs

Resolution No. 25-85

On motion of Councilman Abrams, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Resolution No. 25-85, was adopted by the Council, commending Larry N. Blick on his years of service to the City of Rockville. Mr. Blick gratefully accepted the proclamation and thanked the Mayor and Council.

Re: Citizen's Forum

Mayor Hovsepien opened the meeting to those citizens who wished to address the Mayor and Council:

1. Jeryl Gegan, 852 College Parkway. Mr. Gegan said he had spoken to people in the neighborhood of Paulsboro Drive in Rockville and he would like to commend the City employees for their action when a water main broke last week. Their professional and efficient service had the problem corrected promptly. The employees involved were Morris Randolph, Glen Steuart, Melvin Saukers, Gary Golden and Dallas Ross.

2. Al Mohorn, 708 Carr Avenue. Mr. Mohorn spoke on behalf of the Rockville Housing Authority and told the Council that a group of youngsters in

grades 3 to 6, residents of the authority, have completed a computer course in this past year and others have participated in tutoring programs along with their parents. He then exhibited a book showing the entries and the prizes that were awarded for the best and most improved lawns at the David Scull Apartments. The Housing Authority and the 30 residents thanked Mr. Harrison Harriday for the work he has done in improving the grounds.

3. Charlene Janes, 1106 Clagget Drive. Mrs. Janes is the co-president of the Richard Montgomery PTSA. She thanked the Education Advisory Commission for the time and effort that they put into their report before the Council this evening. However, she would like to reexamine the impact of "no boundary changes in Rockville". Richard Montgomery needs a stable body of students at this time, not at some time in the future and cannot survive without new students. It is imperative that one more elementary school feed into this cluster.

4. Ardell Shirley, 605 Douglass Avenue. Mrs. Shirley addressed the Mayor and Council concerning the mural on the Metro Center wall. She said she is appalled at what is portrayed there. There are faces of several Rockville leaders in the picture which would seem to say they support the effort which demeans people illustrated by a black child combing a white persons hair.

Mayor Hovsepien said the entire community needs education on what various ethnic interests require. Councilman Abrams agreed and said the mural was the decision of the developer and was created without the permission of the City or those in it. The artist and owners should be asked to remedy the situation.

5. Terry Rodgers, Artist of the mural. Mr. Rodgers apologized for any humiliation perceived since it was not intended. He explained the intent and the meaning of the figures, since the black child is a neighbor of his. Councilman Abrams said although Mr. Rodgers is aware of the relationship of the people in the picture, that is not necessarily what the community sees and more

sensitivity is needed. Councilman Hartogensis agreed and said it would have been better to have the input before the mural was executed.

Councilman Tyner commended the artist for coming. He noted however, the commission is private and this Mayor and Council should not attempt to tell any artist or private owner what he should or should not do. Councilman Abrams encouraged the artist to take some action to remedy the situation.

6. Betsy Johnson, 1523 Columbia Avenue. Mrs. Johnson presented the Mayor and Council with a petition that is being circulated in the City and a letter to the candidates from the Mayor and Council concerning the boundaries for Richard Montgomery. She said there are many people who want Richard Montgomery to stay open and regain its position in the City of Rockville.

7. Jay Johnson. Mr. Johnson said Candlewood Elementary, which the Mayor and Council are recommending is a feeder to Richard Montgomery, is a long way from Julius West. The City Council should be looking for a stronger base for Richard Montgomery. He said all the citizens pay taxes and they pay the salary of the Rockville government. For that reason they should be getting assisted in better service out of Montgomery County. The interest of Rockville will be better served if Richard Montgomery draws Rockville residents.

8. Michael Keyser, Sergeant of Police. Mr. Keyser addressed the amendment to the personnel ordinance, Section 3-107, that will be considered by the Mayor and Council this evening. He told of his advancement with the Rockville Police force beginning with his joining the Police in Frederick in 1972, joined the Rockville force in 1975, became a corporal in 1982, and a sergeant in 1983. The amendment before the Council would impair his advancement and make it virtually non-existent. Many people leave the Rockville force due to the lack of advancement opportunities. It was only the threat of a law suit that brought the

current problem to light. He asked the Mayor and Council to please uphold the merit system.

9. Richard Resnick, 953 Farm Haven Drive. Speaking for the North Farm citizens association, Mr. Resnick expressed the concern of his community to the Mayor and Council's response to the Superintendent's recommendations. He would like to clarify one point in the letter and explain that North Farm was in the Woodward cluster from the beginning. His community finds tonight's statement objectionable and will only serve to pick one community in the City against another since the Woodward closing is mentioned. North Farm urges the Mayor and Council to reject the letter to the Superintendent and remain consistent and stay with the present policy. He asked that the Mayor and Council commend the Superintendent on his policy of no boundary change, oppose any change that serves Rockville students, allow Richard Montgomery to be a comprehensive high school, support other clusters serving Rockville students, and he asked in the future that all PTSA's be notified when actions such as this are being taken.

10. Gary Kelly, 10 James Spring Court. Mr. Kelly said there are five schools in the City which send students to Wootton High School. None of these schools participated in the formation of the response before the Mayor and Council this evening. His PTA finds the Chairman's letter unacceptable and supports the minority report. If the Mayor and Council were to approve the letter before them it would precipitate a neighborhood vs. neighborhood fight the City would wish to avoid.

11. Robert Greenberg, Attorney. Mr. Greenberg said he represents the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP). He urged the Mayor and Council to vote against the amendment to the personnel ordinance. He noted that the representative of the AAME group is here to support the merit system. Passage of the law is bad politics and unconstitutional. He objects to the lack of administrative

challenge to any action personnel offers. He suggested a proposed amendment that he forwarded to the Council.

12. Larry Goldstein, 2605 Oakenshield Drive. Mr. Goldstein said he was unaware the public education commission's proposal was before the Council this evening and he was holding a meeting in his home and he saw it on cable television. He has come down this evening to add Ritchie Park Elementary PTA's input. His group was never asked to be involved. He supports Dr. Cody's statement. He supports the Mayor and Council's wish for no boundary change. He said he believes that all the citizens can work together to keep all the schools open.

13. Bernie Fitzgerald, Real Estate Specialist with the City and President of AAME, the largest employee group in the City. Mr. Fitzgerald said the AAME's effort has been to take an independent review and to make objective recommendations to the Mayor and Council concerning the personnel amendment this evening. He thanked them for the opportunity. He said he feels the current language should stay intact since AAME is uncomfortable with the proposed language. He suggested, however, an amendment to the proposal this evening. At the same time he suggested that if the change is made, the Mayor and Council make a commitment to develop a procedure to allow current employees to experience equal opportunity for growth. Councilman Abrams suggested the City Attorney consider an outside body to monitor this process.

14. Michael Gewirtz, 1520 Columbia Avenue. Mr. Gewirtz said the City must take a position that Richard Montgomery remain open. He disagrees with the stand of no boundary changes within Rockville. There should be a fallback position with the school board and the City should make certain demands of school programs.

15. Eric Waldt, President of the Fraternal Order of Police 100. Mr. Waldt thanked Larry Blick for the integrity and professionalism he exhibited during

his tenure here in Rockville. He noted that the AFSCME is not affected by the change, but he is here this evening to speak to protect the FOP and the law and the merit system. He objects to the actions of the administration in the advertisement of a Lieutenant's position after stating there were no additional funds for supervision in this year's budget.

16. Mark Allen, Executive Board of the Farmland PTA. Mr. Allen said in 1978, the Congressional Elementary school boundary was changed. The developer, Kettler, made this change for the North Farm community to feed to Wootton in 1976 before the homes were built.

17. Regina McAndrew, 208 West Montgomery Avenue. Ms. McAndrew told the Mayor and Council that people have been circulating in the East Rockville neighborhood soliciting buy outs. She read an article from the newspaper concerning Arlington County and said she hopes the Mayor and Council will affirm the necessity to maintain the stability of neighborhoods.

There being no other citizen wishing to be heard, the Mayor closed the citizen's forum portion of the meeting.

Re: Approval of City of
Rockville response to
Montgomery County Public
School Superintendent's
preliminary
recommendations

Mr. Charles Haughey introduced the proposed letter before the Council this evening and explained the method and procedure by which this letter was drafted. He said at the time it was submitted he thought he had established a consensus but last night a minority report from the Commission surfaced. He would like the Council to hear that this evening. Mr. Nichols of the Public Education Commission gave the minority report. The Mayor and Council discussed both reports at length and suggested that the language be changed and the letter redrafted. Councilman Duncan suggested the wording "open to other clusters" be

used but not mention Woodward or Walter Johnson by name. Councilman Hartogensis stressed the Mayor and Council should maintain their consistency. Councilman Tyner asked that the tone be very clear that the Mayor and Council are advisory only. Councilman Abrams suggested that the Mayor and Council must be sensitive to the four high schools that serve the City students. He did think the specific mention of Candlewood Elementary School should be included. Councilman Hartogensis was pleased to receive the September 10 from memo Dr. Sweeney, concerning the upgrading of Richard Montgomery. He felt mention of this should be in the letter. The Council also suggested that the idea of opening Hungerford Park Elementary should be mentioned in the event of over crowding. The Mayor agreed with these comments and asked that the letter mention that the Council stands behind Richard Montgomery as a comprehensive high school. The staff will return to the Mayor and Council on Wednesday evening with a new letter for approval which includes the points brought forward this evening.

Re: Public Hearing: Map
Amendment Application, M-
43-85, Saratoga Develop-
ment Corporation, Silver
Spring, MD., Applicant,
requesting the rezoning of
4.71 acres on Rt. 28, just
north of Research Blvd. in
Rockville, MD., from the
present R-S Suburban Resi-
dential to I-3, Industrial
Park Zone

A letter has been received from the applicant requesting withdrawal. The Mayor and Council agreed to the withdrawal and instructed the City Attorney to bring back a resolution allowing withdrawal without prejudice at the same time, Mayor Hovsepian asked the staff to send back a recommendation on a request for refund of application fees

Re: Public Hearings: Map
Amendment Application, M-
44-85, Congressional South
Associates, Ltd.,
Bethesda, Maryland, Appli-
cant, requesting the re-
zoning of 2.78 acres from
the present I-3,
Industrial Park Zone to
the C-2 General Commercial
Zone

The Mayor and Council conducted a public hearing on Map Amendment Application, M-44-85, Congressional South Associates, Applicant, requesting the rezoning of 2.78 acres from the present I-3, Industrial Park Zone to the C-2 General Commercial Zone, and heard those persons as will be found in the official stenographic transcript of the hearing. There being no other person wishing to be heard, the Mayor closed the public hearing with the record to be held open for two weeks.

Re: Public Hearing: Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Rockville adopted pursuant to Article XI-E of the constitution of Maryland, Section 13 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and the Charter of the City of Rockville, as amended, to amend Section 5 of Article III of the Charter, so as to provide that a vacancy occurring in the office of the Mayor within the first sixteen months of the term shall be filled by special election and that a vacancy occurring in the office of the Mayor after the first sixteen months of the term shall be filled by the unanimous vote of the Council or if the Council cannot unanimously agree, the vacancy shall be filled by designated councilmembers

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unanimous vote of the Council or if the Council cannot unanimously agree, the vacancy shall be filled by designated councilmembers and heard those persons as will be found in the official stenographic transcript of the hearing. There being no other citizen wishing to be heard, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed with the record to be held open for two weeks.

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Re: Award of Contract:
Selection of Executive
Search Firm

RFP's were sent to six firms on August 13 in order to secure the services of an Executive Search Firm to find a replacement for the present City Manager.

Six proposals were received:

1. Wolfe & Associates, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia
2. Paul A. Reaume Associates, (PARA. Inc.), Chicago, Illinois
3. Korn/Ferry International, Los Angeles, California
4. Heidrick & Struggles, Inc., New York, New York
5. Jensen-Oldani & Associates, Inc., Bellevue, Washington
6. Municipal Advisors, Inc., Virginia Beach, Virginia

After reviewing the proposals on September 5, the Mayor and Council agreed to interview three of the firms submitting proposals. This selection was based on the scope of the applications submitted and the past performance indicated.

On Tuesday, September 10, the Mayor and Council interviewed Korn/Ferry and Paul Reaume, (PARA, Inc.). Although Heidrick/Struggles were slated for interview, travel problems precluded their attendance.

After the interview the Mayor and Council agreed to select the firm of Korn/Ferry because of their professional approach, wider exposure to the City Management field and the fact they have a local office and are available immediately to begin the search.

On motion of Councilman Duncan, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Korn/Ferry Inc., was chosen to serve as an executive search firm for the replacement of the City Manager.

Re: Approval of Waiver of on-
site Storm Water
Management (SWM) -
Twinbrook Elementary
School

This 10.46 acre site is located about 1200 feet north of the Twinbrook Metro Station in the Rock Creek Drainage area. The surrounding neighborhood is

basically residential and is substantially developed.

The increased run-off can be accommodated in the existing storm drain system and will not adversely affect the storm drainage or any surrounding property.

There are presently two compensating storm water detention structures at the Twinbrook Metro Station in this tributary and another is planned in the Twinbrook Park 1500 feet down stream. These structures will reduce peak flows and erosive action on the stream channels, and they help compensate for the run-off from the subject lot.

The area considered for this request is 0.91 acres and the contribution would be \$18,200 (0.91 @ \$20,000).

Since on-site SWM will not function well and the run-off can be safely conveyed to a nearby stream, and since there are compensating off-site SWM facilities, it is recommended that the on-site SWM requirements be waived and the City accept a contribution of \$18,200 toward its off-site SWM program. The Montgomery Soil Conservation District has already granted a waiver on this site.

On motion of Councilman Hartogensis, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the waiver request for the Twinbrook Elementary School was approved as recommended.

Re: Approval of Waiver of on-site SWM - 875 Hungerford Drive

This small parcel of commercial land located in the City Center north of Saah Plaza is in the Watts Branch drainage area. The stormwater runoff from this site is conveyed by enclosed storm drain to Anderson Park where it enters the Watts Branch.

The underlying soils on this site are not suitable for infiltration. The only other method of on-site SWM that is practical is detention in underground

pipes. However, underground pipe systems are not desirable because of the maintenance problems that have been experienced with them.

This site is very small (0.21 acres) and the storm drains in this area are capable of conveying the additional minor (1.9 cfs) runoff from this site to the proposed SWM facility at Anderson Park. At the \$20,000 per acre rate the contribution for this parcel would be \$4,200.

It is recommended that a SWM waiver be granted for this site and that a contribution of \$4,200 toward the City's off-site SWM program be accepted.

On motion of Councilman Duncan, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the storm water management waiver was approved.

Re: Approval of Waiver of on-site SWM - M.C. Department of Transportation Signal Shop - Seven Locks Road

This industrial site owned by the Montgomery County Department of Transportation, located at Seven Locks Road and Ritchie Parkway, is in the upper reaches of Bogley Branch, a tributary of Cabin John Creek.

The plan which staff reviewed and approved shows several alternatives which could affect the amount of imperviousness. The maximum amount of new impervious areas shown on the plan is 0.41 acres. At \$20,000 per impervious acre the contribution would be \$8,200.

Because of the engineering problems involved in constructing adequate on-site SWM measures it is recommended that the on-site SWM requirements be waived and that a contribution @ \$20,000 per impervious acre be accepted for whatever alternative is chose.

On motion of Councilman Abrams, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the storm water management waiver was approved provided a contribution of \$8,200 be paid.

Re: Adoption of Ordinance: To Amend Section 3-1.07 (a) of Chapter 3 of the Laws of Rockville, entitled "Personnel Regulations" to clarify the requirements for appointment to the Civil Service of the City of Rockville

Ordinance No. 27-85

Councilman Duncan moved, duly seconded, adoption of the amendment to the ordinance. Councilman Martogensis expressed his disappointment that a public hearing was not held and the matter was dealt with in Citizen's Forum.

Councilman Tyner moved, duly seconded, the ordinance be amended to insert the words "It shall be the policy of the City that..." in the last sentence.

Mayor Hovsepian expressed her agreement with Councilman Abrams' previous comments on the procedures that need to be developed and in the future the City would look to an objective evaluation from an outside body. The amendment was adopted unanimously.

Councilman Duncan's motion to adopt Ordinance No. 27-85, the full text of which can be found in Ordinance Book No. 12 of the Mayor and Council, was unanimously adopted as amended.

Re: Approval of extension of contract with JHK & Associates for additional traffic studies pertaining to Rockville Pike Plan

When the Mayor and Council selected JHK & Associates as transportation consultants for the Rockville Pike Corridor planning effort, it approved an option to call upon JHK to reassess the base conditions after Metro begins operation in Rockville. The cost of such service was not to exceed \$5,000. It would be advisable to exercise this option based on the following;

1. Metro is 9 months into operation

2. There are two proposals to extend streets in the study area that would affect the trip patterns to and from the station (e.g., Chapman Avenue extension: 1) north to Templeton Place; and 2) south from Twinbrook Parkway to Randolph Road; and, East Jefferson Street: 1) north to Ritchie Parkway across Woodmont Country Club; and 2) Ritchie Parkway to Richard Montgomery Drive
3. COG Round III cooperation forecasting data is now integrated with the TRIMS model. Recent summaries of travel data indicate the Round III land use forecasts may substantially alter previous assumptions regarding trend demand along the corridor.
4. I-270 widening project has been accelerated to the early 1990's (as opposed to post 1995).
5. A different, higher capacity interchange design has been approved by SHA for the I-270/Montrose Road interchange.
6. The MNCPPC has begun a re-study of the Rockville Facility right-of-way which could lead to the construction of an arterial class street between I-270 and Veirs Mill Road which could relieve congestion in South Rockville and along Montrose Road

Because of the above factors, staff recommends that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Manager to exercise the option as described above.

On motion of Councilman Abrams, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the City Manager was authorized to exercise the option.

Re: Approval of City response
to Federal Budget
proposals affecting local
government

The Mayor and Council reviewed a letter submitted by the National League suggesting the City comment on the federal budget proposal and instructed the City Manager to draft comments embodying the thoughts in the letter.

Re: Introduction of Ordinance: To Amend
Chapter 15 of the Laws of Rockville
entitled "Ethics Provisions" to make it
substantially similar to the Maryland
Public Ethics law and to add an
additional provision providing for the
removal of certain officials for
failure to file financial disclosure
statements

On motion of Councilman Abrams, there was introduced upon the table an ordinance amending the Ethics Provisions, making them substantially similarly to

the Maryland Public Ethics Law and providing for action when officials fail to file financial disclosure statements, said ordinance to lay over at least one week before final action is taken.

Councilman Tyner requested that the staff address a review of board and commission representation before other bodies when time permits.

Re: Adoption of Resolution:
To appoint Acting City
Manager

Resolution No. 26-85

On motion of Councilman Duncan, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Resolution No. 26-85, the full text of which can be found in Resolution Book No. 8 of the Mayor and Council of Rockville, making Daniel G. Hobbs Acting City Manager, was adopted by the Mayor and Council.

Re: Adoption of Resolution:
To Authorize Signatures
for City Bank Accounts

Resolution No. 27-85

On motion of Councilman Hartogensis, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Resolution No. 27-85, the full text of which can be found in Resolution Book No. 8 of the Mayor and Council authorizing signatures for City Bank Accounts, was adopted by the Mayor and Council.

Re: Correspondence:

The Mayor and Council noted the following items of correspondence:

1. B. Lubin, thank you
2. Rockville Little Theatre, re request for State funding for F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre
3. H. Hartman, re zoning article
4. P. Palan, re RMHS
D. Eisen, re RMHS
5. County Executive, re Rockville planning

6. B. D. Yendell, re parking permit

Councilman Hartogensis asked the City policy. The City Manager said he would return with a recommendation.

7. Arlene Bigger, re Maryland Avenue Traffic

Mayor Hovsepien asked that this letter be referred to the Traffic Engineer and the Traffic and Transportation Commission.

8. C. Weiseger, re CDBG problem

Councilman Duncan said he thought this had been worked out. He asked for more information from the staff.

9. U.S. Information Agency, re German/American Friendship Garden

10. County Executive, re Courthouse Park

Councilman Tyner suggested a letter be sent clarifying which park is being discussed.

11. M. Scott, Cultural Arts Commission, re Chamber Orchestra

Mayor Hovsepien and the Council agreed that the Chamber Orchestra should be contacted and told that their request will be on the agenda for Mayor and Council action at the next meeting.

12. MD DOT, re annual meeting schedule change

Mayor Hovsepien asked for more information

13. M.C. Hispanic Employees Association, re incorporation

14. J. O'Neill, re neighborhood problem

The Mayor asked that the City Manager keep the Mayor and Council posted on this.

15. H.R.C. re Mayor & Council representation in Human Rights Award

Councilman Duncan said he would be glad to represent the Mayor and Council. The City Clerk will respond.

Re: Information Items

The Mayor and Council noted the following items of information:

1. Information on Summer '85 Youth Program
2. Information on contract Awards 7/1/84 - 6/30/85
3. Information on Dawson Farm SWM Contract default
4. Response to citizen questions

5. Memo from Acting City Manager on Organizational Training
6. Memo from City Attorney re Appeal of Rickman Zoning
7. Redevelopment schedule for Rockville Metro Center

Councilman Tyner asked if the Mayor and Council could be kept informed of this and briefed prior to letters being sent. The Mayor agreed the communications could be improved.

8. Information on Thomas Farm development
9. Information on Hotel/Motel Tax Bill

Mayor Hovsepian asked that a member of the staff attend the hearing since the Mayor and Council will be at the Board and Commission meeting.

Re: New Business

1. Councilman Abrams said he has received a letter from the residents of Grove Point of a problem of heavy traffic when Watts Branch Parkway is used as a cut-through during commuter hours. He suggested the staff look into the placement of a "Do Not Enter" during certain hours signs and asked that recommendations be brought back.

Re: Executive Session

On motion of Councilman Hartogensis, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the meeting was closed for executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council in Executive session the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 p.m. to convene again in general session on Monday, October 14, 1985, at 8:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor.